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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : T. MATSUI et al.  
Serial No. : 09/980,701  
Filed : November 2, 2001  
For : THERMALLY INSULATING MATERIAL HAVING  
EXCELLENT DURABILITY AND METHOD FOR  
PRODUCTION THEREOF, AND USE THEREOF AND  
METHOD FOR EXECUTION THEREOF

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**AMENDMENT**

SIR:

The amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 24, 2003. Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, as amended, is respectfully requested. A petition for an extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action accompanies this amendment.